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Proactively Protect Your Network from Threats

ForeScout Technologies' CounterACT

When a consultant brought a laptop infected with the Code Red worm into our office a few years ago, the worm shut down the office for almost two days, and we learned the hard way that we needed a solution to prevent such attacks. We needed to control who could log on to our network and the capabilities those users had. We wanted a product that didn't rely only on signatures, and it had to be easy to manage.

After looking at several Network Access Control (NAC) solutions, we implemented **ForeScout Technologies' CounterACT**, a NAC and intrusion-prevention solution. CounterACT has a clientless approach, uses behavior detection, and is easy to manage. It also includes a pretty good vulnerability assessment tool, so one solution gives us three products: malware detection, NAC, and vulnerability assessment. CounterACT has come in handy on several occasions. For example, when a user

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opened a worm-infected email attachment, CounterACT immediately caught the problem and blocked the user from sending any messages. CounterACT also alerted us when an employee was using peer-to-peer applications against company policy so we could remove the programs.

We bought CounterACT a few years ago, and since then the market has changed considerably. In my view, however, the market is still playing catch-up to CounterACT

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